committed in the villages Panathadi, Kodoth and Velur No. 2. Now, I find a similar motion has been given notice of by the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup under rule 40. My purpose will be served if the Hon. Minister concerned makes a statement in regard to that matter. Life in these villages has become intolerable due to the atrocities of the landlords in connivance with the Sub-Inspector of Police. There is a feeling of insecurity among the people. It is, therefore, essential that immediate attention should be paid to this matter and action taken against those who are responsible for creating such a state of affairs there."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Therefore, the hon. Member Sri Narayanana Nambiar is not pressing his motion."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, my case has already been argued by the hon. Member Sri Narayanan Nambiar. As he said, there is growing tension and lawlessness in three villages, Velur Second, Kodoth and Panathadi, Hosdrug taluk. In this short period of about a month there were four serious cases of arson, two cases of dacoity and one of murder. There was one case of arson on 31st January 1955, when one house was burnt. On 3rd February 1955, seven houses were burnt. On the 4th February 1955, there was a murder case. These grave crimes coming in quick succession forming a link in the same chain, there is a great panic and insecurity in respect of life and property to the people. There is a feeling among the people that the steps taken by the Police who are the custodians of law and order have not been adequate and impressive as the situation would demand. Therefore, the House would like to have an appraisal of the situation as is reported to the Government and steps so far taken."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With regard to the Kodoth village in Kasargod taluk, it is the same village in which the incident relating to the hon. Member Sri Narayanan Nambiar took place and to which a reference was made yesterday in the form of a privilege motion. As a matter of fact, series of incidents connected with it have occurred and cases are pending before Courts. Therefore, I would not like to make any further statement on this matter now. I may, however, assure hon. Members that we have instructed the Collector to take sufficient steps to see that there is no breach of the peace caused by any party."

## III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

### AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE II TO THE MADRAS MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION ACT, 1931 (MADRAS ACT III OF 1931).

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

'*That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Government under section* 17 (1) *of the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act,* 1931 (*Madras Act III of* 1931), *amending Schedule II to the said Act, be approved.*'

11th February 1955] [Sri B. Parameswaran]

*DRAFT RULE.*

*In the said Schedule II, in clause 4 (ii), for the words " the Tirunelveli and Palayamkottai Municipalities " the words, " the Tirunelveli, Palayamkottai and Melapalayam Municipalities " shall be substituted.'*

" Sir, this is a simple amendment which enables the Government to treat the three municipalities as one unit for purposes of payment of tax at concessional rates allowed to urban buses. I hope this amendment will not be objected to by any hon. Member."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Government under section 17 (1) of the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931 (Madras Act III of 1931), amending Schedule II to the said Act, be approved.

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The motion was put and carried.

## IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

### THE MADRAS IRRIGATION (LEVY OF BETTERMENT CONTRIBUTION) BILL, 1954 (CONSIDERATION—*cont.*)

*Clause 4.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" We will now take up the further consideration of the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill, 1954. Motion moved—

' That clause 4 do stand part of the Bill.' "

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move my amendment, namely—

*' In sub-clause (1), after the existing provisos, insert the following proviso :—*

*" Provided further that if the land is brought under nanja cultivation prior to the construction, expansion or alteration of any irrigation work, this section will not be applicable." ' "*

The amendment was duly seconded.